

The RCC Weekly

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Honors Program Events

Honors Presentations Day

May 4, 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Students pursuing honors projects in their classes present their work to the College.

Fall 2012 Courses

- Comp I Honors: ENG 101-04, MW, 10:30-11:45 am
- Honors Colloquium: HUM 290-01/SSI 290-01, MW, 12:00-1:15 pm

RCC Garden Celebration

April 20, 12:00 - 3:00 pm, Student Center Cafeteria

The Garden Service Learning Project highlights its green initiatives by featuring a panel discussion and a presentation of the garden, a guided garden tour, and more. Please join the celebration and help make Roxbury a greener, healthier, and stronger community. For more information, contact Professor Nasreen Latif at nlatif@rcc.mass.edu.



Mark Your Calendar

- April : Pre-Registration for Summer I & II continues
- April 20: RCC Garden Celebration at 12pm (Cafeteria)
- April 21-30: Adjunct Faculty Evaluations
- April 25: One Book, One Campus Event at 10:30am (Cafeteria)
- April 26: One Book, One Campus Event at 6pm (Cafeteria)
- May 4: Honors Presentations Day at 12pm
- May 18: Commencement

One Book, One Campus

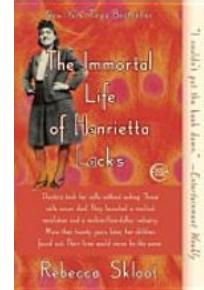
Roxbury Community College chose *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* as the first **One Book, One Campus** selection this year.

To honor the life and legacy of Henrietta Lacks, faculty, students and staff are cordially invited to attend one of the Spring One Book, One Campus Events to be held in Room 200 of the Student Center Building (cafeteria).

For your convenience, there two different times when you can attend: Wednesday, April 25th at 10:30, or Thursday April 26 at 6:00 PM. Each program will lasts about an hour. Light refreshments will be served and all attendees can enter the raffle to win a Barnes and Nobles NOOK E-Reader!

If you are a faculty member who is bringing your class to one of the events, please RSVP to Mark Garth (mgarth@rcc.mass.edu, x7450) by Monday, April 23rd.

About the book: Her name was Henrietta Lacks, but scientists know her as HeLa. She was a poor black tobacco farmer whose cells—taken without her knowledge in 1951—became one of the most important tools in medicine, vital for developing the polio vaccine, cloning, gene mapping, in vitro fertilization, and more. Henrietta's cells have been bought and sold by the billions, yet she remains virtually unknown, and her family can't afford health insurance. (rebeccaklout.com/the-immortal-life)



Arab Spring

On April 4th, Dr. Heather Brown of Northeastern University gave a presentation, **Artists and Liars: Creative Responses to the Egyptian Revolution**, sponsored by the RCC International/Multicultural Institute. American-Egyptian scholar Brown discussed the events that have unfolded in Egypt this past year. She discussed the ways in which musicians, comedians, playwrights and artists have responded to recent events in Egypt and the Arab World, as well as the "creative" ways in which the government has responded to the people's demands.



The event was very well attended and there were many requests to share the links that she used. They have now been posted on the RCC library website and can be accessed at <https://rcclibrary.wikispaces.com/file/view/Egyptian+Revolution.pptx>

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RCC Tote Bags

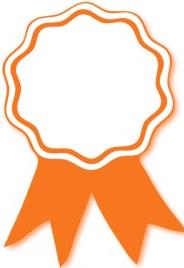
Specially hand crafted bags designed exclusively for Roxbury Community College are still available. The bags, which come with blue or black accents, cost \$20 each. All proceeds support alumni programs.

How can you get one?

Bags can be purchased at the Development Office. Stop by Room 306 in the Administration Building or call 617-541-5394. Checks should be made payable to Roxbury Community College Foundation. To pay by credit card, please go to the RCC Business Office.



Through the Gateway Awards



The **Through the Gateway Award** honors faculty and professional staff who demonstrate excellence in fostering student learning and student success. Each year, as a result of your nominations, we recognize four different recipients: a full-time faculty member, an adjunct faculty member, a professional staff member, and a group of faculty or professional staff collaborators. Former recipients include Mark Garth, Judy Kahalas, Sterling Giles, Eduard Samandarov, Rhonda Gray, Priscilla Bole, the STEM Division, and the ESOL Department, for example.

The Office of Academic Affairs encourages you to nominate an individual or a group that exemplifies excellence in one or more of the eight competency areas listed below.

Competencies

- Excellence in Facilitating Student Learning
- Excellence in Facilitating Learner Development and Socialization
- Excellence in Using Assessment and Evaluation Strategies
- Excellence in Participating in Curriculum Design and Evaluation of Program Outcomes
- Excellence in Functioning as Change Agents and Leaders
- Excellence in Developing the Educator Role
- Excellence in Engaging in Scholarship
- Excellence in Using Technology for Teaching and Learning

Nomination Deadline: May 4th

Check your email for actual nomination forms and additional information.

From Career Services

Congratulations to the RCC community for its highly successful **Spring 2012 Job, Internship and Volunteer Fair** which was held on Wednesday, April 11 in the Student Building.

Over 300 job seekers visited and met with 40+ diversity minded exhibitors and professional organizations. Among job seekers were RCC students and alumni, community residents, and a group of senior students at Mission Hill School.

The individual contributions of Matthew Smith, Internship Counselor; Olga Jean-Michel, RCC Student; Danise Pierre, Career Club President; Meshell L Whyte, Career Club Co-President; and Haneefah Smith, Career Club Officer were greatly appreciated. In addition, thanks goes to Professor Charlotte Belezos, Professor Anna Bondarenko, Nurse Ruth Hines, and ESL Student Mayra Pabon.

It was truly a community effort, and the career services department looks forward to hearing about the hiring that takes place as a result of connections made at the fair!



Items for “The Weekly”

If you have something of interest that you would like to share with the college community, please submit it (by Tuesday afternoon) to Jacqueline Lynch at jlynch1@rcc.mass.edu